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# A&M wins in stride

## Track team keeps piling up points, honors

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Sure, the Texas A&M University football team beat Texas, and the basketball team went to the NCAA playoffs.

But right now the most successful athletic program at Texas A&M is the men's track team — the Aggies won the Southwest Conference indoor meet in February and finished seventh in the NCAA national indoor meet last Saturday in Detroit.

Texas A&M now goes for another win at the City of the Palms Invitational outdoor meet in McAllen. The one obstacle that may stop the Aggies from winning the meet is the University of Texas team, which beat the Aggies at the Rice Invitational two weeks ago in Houston.

"The thing about competing against Texas," said Texas A&M assistant coach Ted Nelson, "is that UT is real strong in the same events we are." Both schools have had suc-

cess in the shot put, discus, and sprint events.

But one event in which Texas A&M is superior to Texas — and for that matter the rest of the nation — is the pole vault. Randy Hall has dominated all his competition. Hall, a senior from Port Lavaca, won the NCAA championship with a vault of 17-9½. A week earlier at the Rice meet, he set a Southwest Conference pole vault record when he cleared 18-0½.

Hall is the only collegiate vaulter to clear 18 feet this year, and the 14th American to do so in history.

Curtis Dickey, a senior from Bryan, won his third straight NCAA indoor 60-yard dash at the Detroit meet with a time of 6.12. Junior Leslie Kerr, who won the Southwest Conference outdoor 400-meter dash last year, finished fourth in the 400 meters.

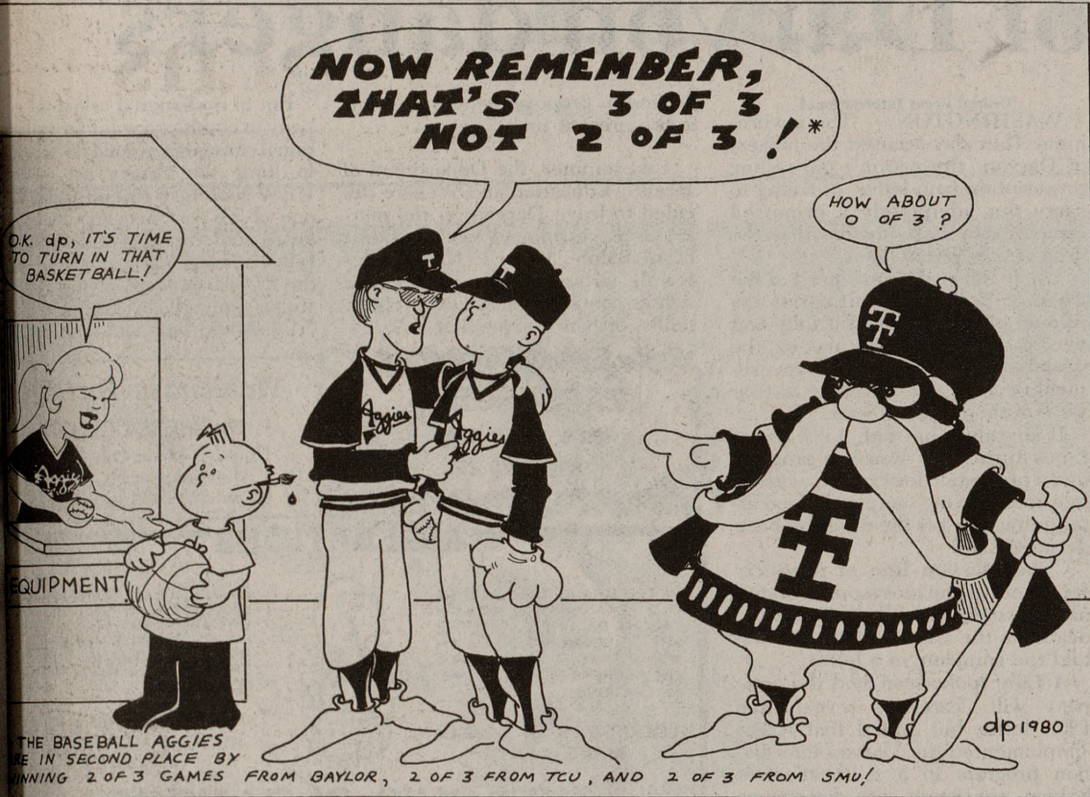
Other entrants in the McAllen meet are Baylor, Pan American, Rice

and University of Houston, with the Cougars probably posing the only threat to the Aggies and Longhorns.

The Aggies will compete without Dickey who will stay in College Station for the football banquet Saturday night. Other football players on the track team — freshmen Johnny Hector, James Redus, and Don Jones — will compete. Hector and Redus are long jumpers, and Jones is

a high jumper.

Two players are injured and won't compete in the McAllen meet. Freshman sprinter Eference Murphy pulled a hamstring muscle at the Rice meet, and Nelson said he isn't sure when Murphy will be healthy. Sophomore high jumper James Howard, who holds the Texas A&M high jump record, has had back troubles and hasn't competed in the outdoor meets this year.



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# Baseball team faces Tech this weekend

By MIKE BURRICHTER  
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The red-hot Texas A&M baseball team, 19-4 on the season and winner of its last 11 games, will take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders this weekend in a three-game series at Ben Field.

Aggie coach Tom Chandler may start three freshmen pitchers against the 2-4 Raiders. The Aggies' 6-3 Southwest Conference record places them second in the league behind the 6-0 Texas Longhorns.

Houston freshmen Rick Luecken and Robert Slavens, both sporting

5-0 records, may be joined by either Jack Miska or David Flores in the pitching rotation this weekend.

Luecken and Slavens will pitch on Saturday, and Chandler will start Miska or Flores in today's game, scheduled for 3 p.m. One of the two will be stepping in for sophomore pitcher Bobby Taylor, who has lost the last three Friday conference games the Ags have played.

The Ags are led at the plate by junior left fielder Joe Paul Bramhall and senior centerfielder Simon Glenn. Bramhall, who hit .227 last season and was used mostly as a pinch runner, is leading the team with a .415 average. Glenn, who hit just .212 last season, is hitting .385 for the season and leads the team with a .395 batting average in Southwest Conference play.

Junior first baseman Rodney Hod-

de leads the team in home runs with eight, and is followed by junior third baseman Harry Francis, the team's cleanup hitter, with five.

Chandler, into his 22nd year as head baseball coach for the Aggies, will be honored between games Saturday for winning his 500th career game earlier this season against Baylor. Jack Pardee, Washington Redskin coach and former Aggie football great, will participate in the ceremony.

Pardee is scheduled to be the speaker at tonight's Aggie football banquet, scheduled for 7 p.m. in Duncan Dining Hall.

NOTE: In Thursday's edition of The Battalion, it was reported that Tom Chandler was entering his 2nd season as head baseball coach. Chandler is in his 22nd year as coach. The Battalion regrets the mistake.

# Women to run TSU Relays

The Texas A&M women's track team will contend outdoors for the first time this year when it faces 11 other teams in the Texas Southern University Relays this weekend.

Coach Bill Nix said the meet is sprint-oriented and some top runners from various parts of the country will be in competition.

"Our sprinters are good, but being sprint-oriented meet, they'll be competing a lot of top runners," Nix said. "Aggies' softball will have a tougher time." The Bee Creek events will be easy although the field area is possibly its weakest point.

The team has had somewhat of a success since the National AIAW Championships, March 7-8. The women placed 16th overall out of 124 teams.

At the nationwide indoor meet, Sande Lambert had the best of the women, amassing 3,830 points in the pentathlon to take 4th place. Shotputter Iris Tipton took home her event.

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